(Figures in Lakh Rupees)

Sl.No	*State*	*Cane price arrears as reported by sugar factories*
1	*2*	*3*
20.	West Bengal	0.49
21.	Nagaland	42.39
22.	Pondicherry	0.00
23.	Goa	0.00
	ALL INDIA	14755.26

Cement Prices

2285. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cement industrial units have been asked by the Government to roll back prices and workout fresh modalities of distribution so that the discrepancy between the exfactory and retail prices is removed;

(b) if so, what other suggestions have been made to the cement units ; and

(c) to what extent these suggestions have been implemented by these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). At the meeting of cement manufacturers with finance Minister on 7.10.1991, they were advised to demonstrate social responsibility through voluntary price restraint. Industry was also requested to ensure that dealers were allowed only a reasonable margin and there was no undue profiteering at that level.

(c) There have been reports fall in cement prices at major consumption centres particularly in the Northern /region since mid October, 1991 and the Government is keeping a constant watch over cement prices.

Water Scarcity in Delhi

2286. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of water in Delhi;

(b) if so, the extent thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the neighbouring States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken to augment water supply in Delhi?